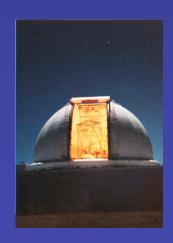
Exoplanet Spectroscopy

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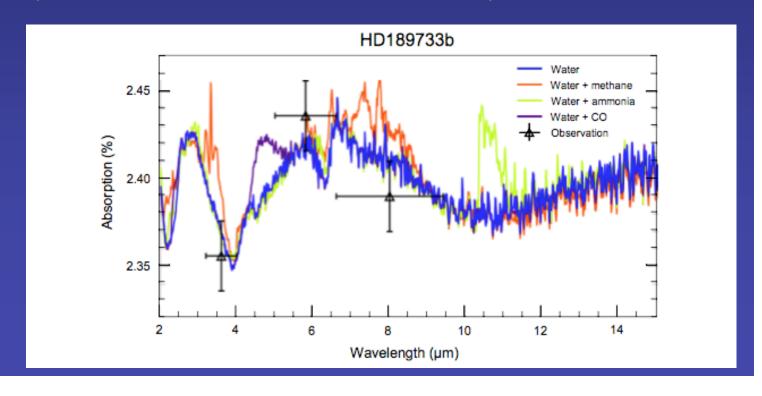




Spectroscopy:

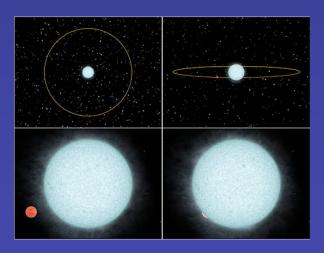
using molecules as probes

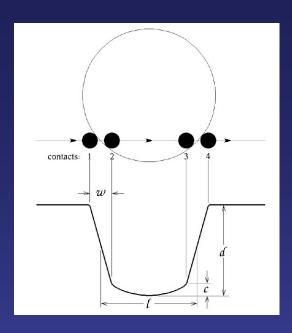
- Conditions (T profile, inversion, haze)
- Composition (H₂O, CH₄, CO, CO₂, NH₄)
- Chemistry (photo vs thermo, non-equilibrium)
- Dynamics (abundance localization, heat redistribution)

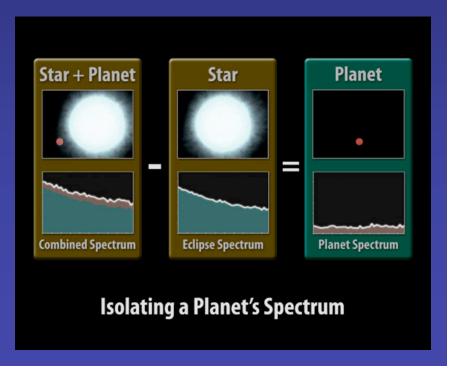


Transiting planets: something special

- Primary eclipse
 - Blocks starlight
 - Starlight filters through planet atmosphere
- Secondary eclipse
 - Light from planet blocked
- Both detected by measuring intensity as a function of time



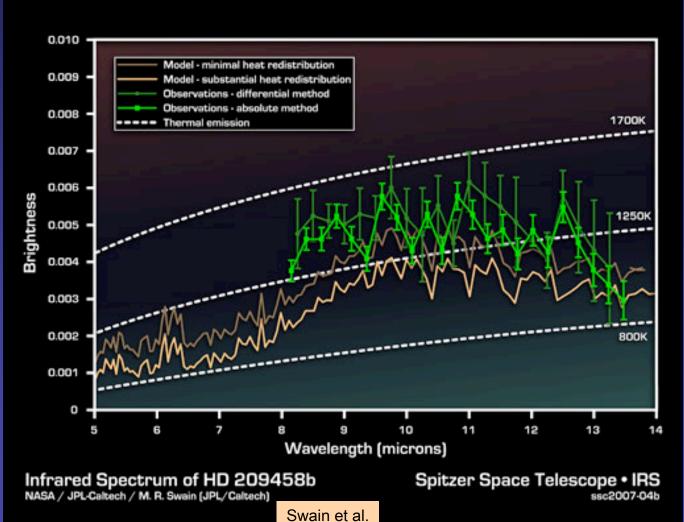




Emission spectra of 189 & 209

mid-IR

Where is the water? Not present? Hidden by T profile? Hidden by clouds?



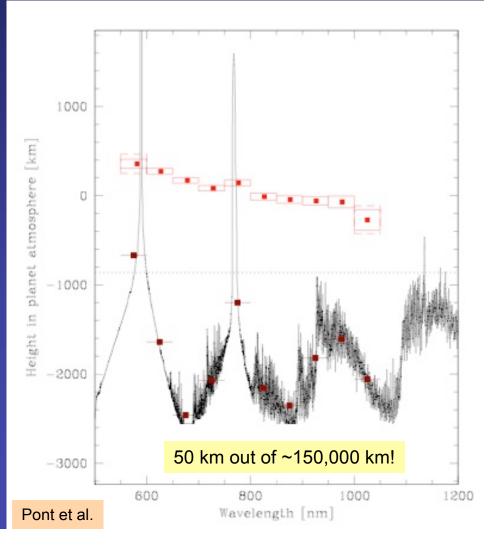


Haze on HD 189733b

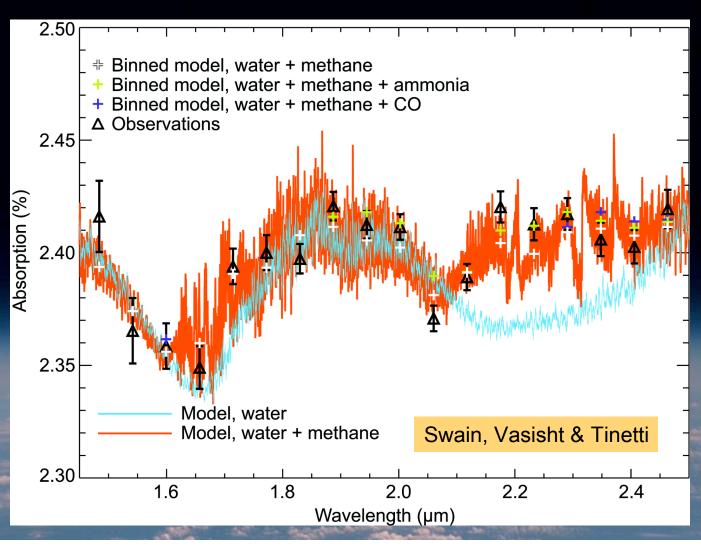
visible

- Best SNR to date
- Small particles at high altitude
- Incredibly precise diameter

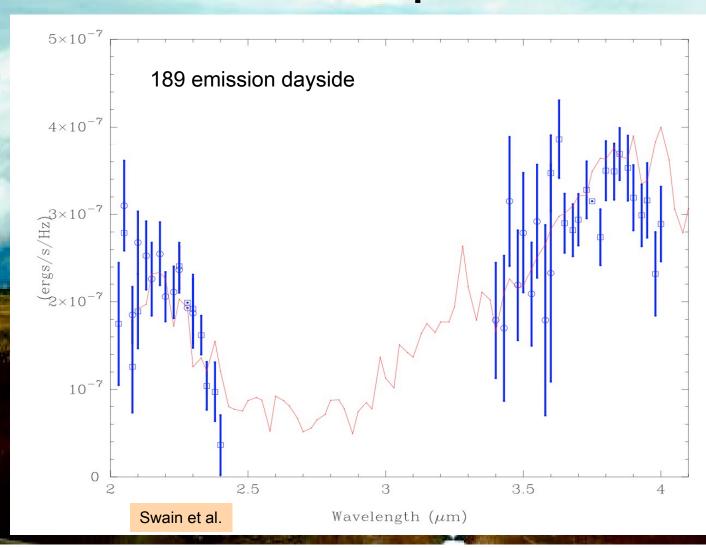




Methane detected in an exoplanet atmosphere



IRTF emission spectrum



Spitzer calibration implications:

Spectroscopy of non-transiting planets is possible!

